

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-104 (canceled)

- 1 105. (New) A composition for producing colored synthetic fiber having
2 improved color strength and dimensional stability, the composition comprising:
3 a) at least one fiber-forming polyamide,
4 b) at least one unsulfonated thermoplastic polyester, said thermoplastic
5 polyester being present at between about 15% and about 35% by weight with respect
6 to the total weight of the composition, and forming a dispersed, non-continuous,
7 minor phase in a matrix of said fiber-forming polyamide,
8 c) a colorant system comprising at least one colorant selected from the
9 group consisting of inorganic pigments, organic pigments, and mixtures of inorganic
10 and organic pigments,
11 d) at least one metal sulfonate polyester compatibiliser additive.

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- 1 106. (New) The composition of claim 105 wherein said at least one fiber-
2 forming polyamide is selected from the group consisting of polyamide 6, polyamide
3 11, polyamide 12, polyamide 6,6, polyamide 6,10, polyamide 6,12, and copolymers,
4 blends and mixtures thereof.

1 107. (New) The composition of claim 105 wherein said at least one fiber-
2 forming polyamide is selected from the group consisting of polyamide 6 and
3 polyamide 6,6.

1 108. (New) The composition of claim 105 wherein said at least one
2 thermoplastic polyester is selected from the group consisting of polyalkylene
3 terephthalates, polyalkylene succinates, polyalkylene adipates, polyhydroxyacids, and
4 copolymers, blends or mixtures thereof.

1 109. (New) The composition of claim 105 wherein said at least thermoplastic
2 polyester is selected from the group consisting of poly(ethylene terephthalate),
3 poly(propylene terephthalate), poly(butylene terephthalate), and copolymers, blends
4 or mixtures thereof.

1 110. (New) The composition of claim 105 wherein said at least one
2 polymeric compatibiliser additive is selected from the group consisting of alkali metal
3 salts of poly(ethylene terephthalate-co-sulphoisophthalate) and poly(butylenes
4 terephthalate-co-sulphoisophthalate), and blends and mixtures thereof.

1 111. (New) The composition of claim 110 wherein said metal sulphonate
2 polyester is present between 1 weight % and 25 weight % of the composition.

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1 112. (New) The composition of claim 110 wherein said metal sulphonate
2 polyester is added in an amount such that the composition has between about 300 and
3 about 3500 ppm sulphur.

4 113. (New) The composition of claim 105 wherein said at least one
5 colorant is selected from the group consisting of metal oxides, mixed metal oxides,
6 metal sulphides, zinc ferrites, sodium alumino sulpho-silicate pigments, carbon
7 blacks, phthalocyanines, quinacridones, nickel azo compounds, mono azo colorants,
8 anthraquinones and perylenes.

1 114. (New) The composition of claim 105 wherein said at least one
2 colorant is selected from the group consisting of: carbon black, titanium dioxide, zinc
3 sulphide, zinc oxide, Ultramarine Blue, cobalt aluminates, iron oxides, Pigment Blue
4 15, Pigment Blue 60, Pigment Brown 24, Pigment Red 122, Pigment Red 147,
5 Pigment Red 149, Pigment Red 177, Pigment Red 178, Pigment Red 179, Pigment
6 Red 202, Pigment Red 272, Pigment Violet 19, Pigment Violet 29, Pigment Green 7,
7 Pigment Green 36, Pigment Yellow 119, Pigment Yellow 147 and Pigment Yellow
8 150.

1 115. (New) The composition of claim 105 wherein said at least one
2 colorant is present at between about 0.1 weight % and about 8 weight % of the
3 composition.

1 116. (New) The composition of claim 105, further comprising at least one
2 adjuvant.

1 117. (New) The composition of claim 116, wherein said at least one
2 adjuvant is selected from the group consisting of antioxidant, stabiliser, processing
3 aid, antimicrobial, flame-retardant, antiozonant, soilproofing agent, stainproofing
4 agent, antistatic additive, lubricant, melt viscosity enhancer, or mixtures thereof.